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QUOTE:

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SUBJECT: MTN: TROPICAL PRODUCTS

REF: GENEVA 4271

1. WE BELIEVE THAT SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT (PARAS 2-6) OFFERS USEFUL IDEAS FOR SOME FUTURE STAGE. HOWEVER, IT IS PRE-MATURE AT THIS TIME, BEFORE WE HAVE INITIALLY ANALYZED THE LISTS OR UNDERTAKEN ANY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS TO FOCUS ON SUCH A SPECIFIC PROCEDURE.

2. NEXT STAGE ENVISIONED BY U.S. IS INTENSIVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EACH REQUESTING COUNTRY. SUCH DISCUSSIONS
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ARE NECESSARY TO FURTHER REFINE THE SPECIFIC NATURE OF THE REQUEST (PARTICULARLY REQUESTS ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES), TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF RESPONDING TO THE REQUEST, AND TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY AMONG THE REQUESTS.

IN SUCH DVSCUSSIONS THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIEU COULD GIVE "PRELIMINARY SUBSTANTIVE REACTIONS" TO THE REQUESTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ADDITIONALLY, THIS SCENARIO WILL PERMIT PROGRESS TO OCCUR DESPITE THE FACT THAT LESS THAN ONE-HALF OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE SUBMITTED THE REQUESTS LISTS.

3. RE PARA 1, U.S. ENVISIONS MID-NOVEMBER AS DATE BY WHICH BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE COMPLETED. U.S. NOT PREPARED TO AGREE TO DATE FOR CIRCULATION OF INITIAL OFFERS UNTIL BILATERAL STAGE COMPLETE. WE ALSO ENVISION POSSIBLE NEED FOR BROADER-BASED DISCUSSIONS AMONG DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH SPECIAL TRADE INTEREST IN CERTAIN LINE ITEMS. ALTHOUGH IN ANY CASE, WE WILL NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH BROADER DISCUSSIONS WILL BE NECESSARY UNTIL WE ARE FARTHER ALONG WITH THE BILATERAL PHASE. IN ANY CASE, THE BILATERAL PHASE SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY EARLY NOVEMBER, PRECEDING THE NEXT TNC.

4. RE SECOND SENTENCE PARA 7, THE GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS (MTN/TP/I/VI) DO NOT MENTION THAT THE GROUP SHALL REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INITIAL OFFERS. THEY SIMPLY CALL FOR THE GROUP TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW PROGRESS MADE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. IN LIGHT OF THESE COMMENTS, U.S. DEL SHOULD DISCOURAGE SECRETARIAT FROM FURTHER CIRCULATING THEIR PAPER UNLESS OUR VIEWS ARE FULLY INCORPORATED. KISSINGER

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